

Media Release
New KBI Drug Enforcement Web Page
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Kansas Bureau of Investigation Director Larry Welch announced today the launching of a new KBI Drug Enforcement web site. The sight is unique in that it not only is designed to inform the public but also to receive 'tips' regarding illegal drug activity from citizens. "We are very excited to be expanding our services in this way. The criminals are increasingly using computers and the Internet, it seemed appropriate that we also utilize the power of the Internet to fight crime."

The new web site will be focused on all aspects of drug enforcement as conducted by the KBI Special Operations Division. "We have two primary goals for this new tool. First, to provide important information to the public on illegal drug activity, and, second, to give the public the ability to share information they have of illegal activity with law enforcement." said Mary Roth, KBI crime analyst and one of the principle designers.

There are specific pages to educate the public on not just the dangers but the identifying characteristics of methamphetamine labs and marijuana grows. On almost every page are instructions on how to report suspicious activity by either e-mail or by the 1-800 KS CRIME telephone number. The information provided will be automatically sent to the crime analyst and special agent in the Special Operation Division that are assigned to that area. When appropriate, the information will be shared with local police and sheriff offices.

In addition to the enforcement side of the web site, there are links to other web sites with more information on a national basis for students doing research. There is also a link to help those persons seeking treatment identify treatment resources through out the state. The Drug Enforcement web site can be reached through the KBI's Internet Site, <http://www.ink.org/public/kbi/>, or directly by going to the Special Operations Division site: <http://www.ink.org/public/drug enforcement/index.html>.

The KBI has partnered with the Information Network of Kansas, Inc., to create this web site. The information Network of Kansas is the agency responsible for accessKansas, the official state Web portal (www.accessKansas.org), and provider of electronic government solutions for the state. The network manager for accessKansas is the Kansas Information Consortium, Inc., a subsidiary of national Information Consortium (EGOV), the eGovernment Company™. End.

